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CHURCH OF THE FIRSTBORN
OF THE FULNESS OF TIMES

By communication dated November 26, 1963, the El Paso Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation advised that three brothers named [redacted] in 1944, went to Mexico to evade the draft. In 1948, [redacted] surrendered himself at El Paso, Texas, pled guilty to draft evasion, and was sentenced to one-year imprisonment, which was suspended for three years. [redacted] are not known to have ever returned to the United States. Mexico, Texas

During October, 1960, [redacted] a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS Church), who resides at Colonia Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico, stated the [redacted] brothers were then living at Colonia Juarez, which is located about 175 miles southwest of El Paso, Texas.

[redacted] Sociology Department, Texas Western College, El Paso, Texas, stated on November 26, 1963, that the headquarters of the Church of the Firstborn of the Fulness of Times is located at Galeana, Chihuahua, Mexico, which is near Colonia Juarez. The Church of the Firstborn of the Fulness of Times practices polygamy, which makes living in the United States difficult. [redacted] said he had been told by a member of the Church of the Firstborn of the Fulness of Times that most members of that church have left the El Paso, Texas, area, and that the [redacted] brothers are no longer leaders of that church. [redacted] said this church seems to be very unstable and that he did not know of any plotting by the Church of the Firstborn of the Fulness of Times against Government officials and does not believe them to be that stupid.

On November 26, 1963, [redacted] and an El Paso [redacted] both of the LDS Church, generally confirmed [redacted] statements.

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On December 3, 1963, [redacted] advised he had conversation with [redacted] the previous night. He said while the Church of the Firstborn of the Fulness of Times is an apostate group, which has separated from the LDS Church, their beliefs are based on their interpretation of LDS Church documents. For example, he cited the following:

1. The Church of the Firstborn of the Fulness of Times believes one man should own all property of all kinds This is based on the LDS Church Doctrine and Covenants, Section 119.

2. The Church of the Firstborn believes that anyone not obedient to the above law is not fit to live in Zion (World). This is based on the Doctrine and Covenants, Section 85, verses 3 to 5.

3. The Church of the Firstborn believes the head of the church should control everything. This is based on Doctrine and Covenants, Section 42, verses 31 to 37 and verse 55.

4. Another belief of the Church of the Firstborn concerns the slaughter of church authorities. This is based on the Book of Ezekiel, Section 8, verses 16 to 18, and Section 9, verses 1 to 7.

[redacted] said the main leaders of the Church of the Firstborn of the Fulness of Times are [redacted] all of whom operate out of Mexico and El Paso, Texas.

The leaders in the Salt Lake City, Utah, area, in order of their importance are [redacted] In addition, a man named [redacted] is also a member of this organization. The Salt Lake City Directory reflects [redacted] Wife [redacted] is an employee of the [redacted] Company. The Directory also shows that [redacted] is a salesman for [redacted] and lives at [redacted] in Salt Lake City, Utah.

[redacted] said he was converted to the LDS Church in 1960 and that in about July, 1963, he joined the Church of the Firstborn of the Fulness of Times. He said he is not sympathetic to this group, but he joined because he felt they were "up to something," and he wanted to find out what it was.

He said [redacted] is referred to as the "avenging angel," and that in the Spring of 1964, he [redacted] supposedly will direct operations of the group, whose aims will be as follows:

1. Disrupt all civil authority.

2. Destroy all communications, public utilities, and power plants.

3. Engage in secret undercover operations.

[redacted] said the Salt Lake City group of this church meets every Saturday night, usually rotating from one member's home to another. He does not know the names of any of the members other than those listed above, and he does not believe most of the members are aware of the plans of the leaders as detailed above. [redacted] said that at no time has he had the feeling that [redacted] is "pulling his leg" but on the contrary, feels [redacted] is sincere in statements made to him concerning the plans of this organization. He feels that [redacted] would do anything [redacted] told him to do. [redacted] said he is very concerned over the attitude of this group, and that he now desires to disassociate himself from it.

By letter dated August 31, 1961, [redacted] Salt Lake City, Utah, enclosed literature being circulated by the Church of the Firstborn of the Fulness of Times. [redacted] in his letter said the group advocated plural marriage and that they do not uphold the laws of the United States and even advocate overthrow of the Government if necessary to gain their ends. He stated he could testify to these facts from personal contacts he has had with some of the members. The literature furnished by [redacted] reflected meetings of this church are held every Sunday, at 10:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m., and that the local address for the church at that time was 2040 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah.

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